

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Prior to a first Office Action in this application, Applicants request that claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 15-17, 18, 20, 25, 30, 32, 33, 35, 37, 41, 42, 44, 45, and 48 be amended, and claims 49-53 be added. These amendments and new claims do not involve any new matter or objectionable changes. When the Examiner takes this application up for action, he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Applicants' attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above. These amendments were made solely for the purpose of clarifying the language of the claims, and were not required for purposes of patentability.

III. ARGUMENTS

A. Claims 1-48

Claims 1-48 have been amended to recite features which were denied entry in the Applicants' Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, filed July 8, 2005, and to correct minor errors. For the reasons described in the Applicants' Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

B. New Claims 49-53

New claims 49-53 are presented in this Amendment. For the reasons described above, claims 49-53 are patentable over the art of record, and the Applicants respectfully request the allowance of these claims as well.

IV. CONCLUSION

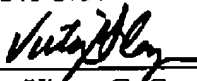
In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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